

Wesleyan Establishment at Changsha Destroyed—Missionaries Safe—British Gunboats Hurry to the Scene

Changsha, the capital of the province of Hunan, is situated on the Ssang-Kiang, fifty miles south of the point where it empties into Lake Tong Tin-Hu. It is the seat of the silk industry, and is the home of the fam-

At Weston's age men in general consider themselves past the stage of active effort—at least, active physical effort—but this example causes us all to stop and consider the moral as applicable to ourselves.—Philadelphia Press.

At the office of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions in New York it was said that, so far as was known, no missionaries were stationed in Changsha. The only missionaries attached to the Wesleyan propaganda in Changsha, of whom any record is had in New York are G. G. Warner, chairman of the district, and H. W. Watson, assistant chairman. Changsha, the capital of a province, is an important missionary center. Other missions are maintained there by the Church Missionary society, the foreign missionary organization of the Anglicans; the London Missionary society, a branch of the Nonconformist movement; and the China inland mission.

Reading, Conn., April 14—When Mr. Clemens came from New York, reached here he was carried from the car by his second son, a doctor, and placed in a carriage and driven to his home, Stormfield, which is a few miles from the New Haven station. A physician and nurse were also in the party. He appeared to be very weak and haggard, but sat up and talked with his family. He seemed to be more comfortable in that position. His attendants said that he stood the ride from New York very well and that he revived in the air seemed to relieve to some extent the difficulty he had in breathing during the trip. He was very comfortable. The physician said that while there was no immediate danger, Mr. Clemens was seriously ill. The return to Reading tonight, however, was not expected. Mr. Clemens had been ill since the death of his daughter, Miss Jean Clemens, he having come to Bermuda directly after her funeral.

Passengers and Crew Taken from the Santa Clara.

Eureka, Cal., April 14.—Ninety-five persons rescued from the North Pacific Steamship company's steamship Santa Clara, which foundered last night, arrived here today on the tug Ranger. Everybody on the sinking ship was rescued, but the Santa Clara sank about four miles down the coast.

The Santa Clara, which was bound from Portland for San Francisco, had almost cleared the bar yesterday afternoon when she was struck in the sand and she sprang a bad leak. Her serious condition was first realized until a point four miles south of Eureka, when the Santa Clara steamship was put about and an effort made to return to Eureka. Water poured so rapidly into the hold, how-

Wireless calls for help brought the Ringier. The steamship was settling fast when the tug came up and got a line to her, and the transfer by small boats of the sixty-one passengers was immediately begun. A high sea was running, and the work of rescue was both slow and perilous; but soon after nine o'clock last night the last of the passengers and crew were safely aboard the tug, and the Santa Clara, then low in the water, was left to her fate.

The Ranger lay outside the bar all night, awaiting daylight before attempting to return to the harbor.

Brazil's Presidential Election

A remarkable fact about the recent Brazilian presidential election, from our point of view, is the slight total of the vote cast. There are twenty states and a federal district in Brazil, with an aggregate population of twenty millions, and yet the number of electors who went to the polls on the quadrennial voting days—the first of March—was only 1,350,000, or 13.5 per cent. Brazil has manhood suffrage, barring only beggars, illiterates, soldiers actually serving and members of monastic orders, etc., under vows of obedience; and yet less than one in every thirty of the population voted—or had his vote counted.

the great South American republic and our own is strikingly shown when it is remembered that at the last presidential election in this country the aggregated number of voters for president was 12,188,442, while the total population at the time was about \$6,900,000 or \$7,000,000. In other words, the voters on election day, 1908, in the United States constituted one-sixth of the whole number of inhabitants. The reason for the discrepancy between the broad and the narrow electorate is as plain as the nose on your face. According to statistics made a

number 80 per cent. of the entire population and as education is not compulsory the chances favor the indefinite continuance of this distressing condition. There are federal institutions for secondary and higher instruction in the towns near the coast, but the interior of the country is largely without school facilities.—Providence Journal

Still the Duel.

The European duel dies hard. And the American understanding of the duel has never been born. The chief patrons of the code would appear to be just now Italian tenors and German officers. Both of these run to costume and it is fitting to see as if the duelling spirit might be largely a matter of clothes. But the persistence of the duel may be explained on more serious grounds. This can be done without laying too great stress on the behavior of the European society or even on the code of honor proper to a military caste.

The bane of the "better" sort of Continental is a fussy, touchy amour propre. He has never had a free spell of give and take in the tonic air of democracy. He is actuated first and foremost by class feeling; what he has to do is not to meet the requirements of a general public opinion, but to satisfy the narrow, artificial standards of his own particular set.

wants is a larger circle. With the development of the democratic spirit that circle will enlarge. Touchiness and variety will be disciplined, the fantastic excesses of privilege will be curtailed, and the cables may concern themselves with other matters which will be as picturesque as duels, perhaps, and rather more important. —Chicago Record-Herald.

Left to Bryan.
Woodrow Wilson is bold enough to predict a democratic victory, but when it comes to outlining the platform it can win or his courage deserts him.—Pittsburg Despatch.

Especially for an "Old Master."

While Mr. Morgan, of New York, consents to be listed at \$400,000, it is thought that in an emergency he could dig up a little more.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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